

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Cresbard, South Dakota, will celebrate its "Annual Corn Fest" on August 10, 2013, and will also honor Captain Cecil "Speedball" Harris; and,

Whereas, Cecil was born in 1916, lived on a farm near Cresbard and graduated from Cresbard High School in 1934. He attended Northern State Teachers College and taught school at Onaka, South Dakota, for three years before enlisting in the U.S. Naval reserve where his loyalty, dedication, commitment, and skills earned him recognition as the second ranking US Navy ACE of World War II; and,

Whereas, Captain Harris' accomplishments earned him the award of the Navy Cross, the Silver Star and second gold star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with second and third gold stars, and the Air Medal with two gold stars; and,

Whereas, Captain Harris served South Dakota and his country with great pride, honor, and commitment, earning the distinction of being the most highly decorated U.S. Naval Reserve aviator; and,

Whereas, The citizens of Cresbard will recognize their local hero, Captain Cecil E. Harris, at a community dinner during the Annual Corn Fest for serving honorably and with distinction during World War II; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Captain Cecil Harris for his service to South Dakota and his country and to recognize the community in which he was raised:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 10, 2013, as

CAPTAIN CECIL E. HARRIS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State